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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 19, 2000.

The Restriction Requirement had a shortened statutory period for response of one month. Therefore, a Petition for Time Extension is also submitted herewith requesting an extension of time of two months, i.e., from October 19, 2000 to December 19, 2000.

In order to be responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects the invention set forth in claims 1-25 and 36-41 of Group I, with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding requirement for restriction and examination of all of the claims 1-41 are respectively requested notwithstanding the election with traverse of claims 1-25 and 36-41 of Group I.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

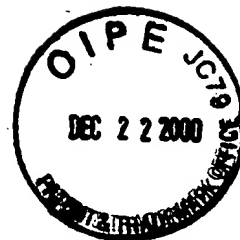
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